

In the Matter of the Request of Northern
Minnesota Utilities for a Variance to
Minnesota Rules, Parts 7825.2800 to
7825.2830

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ORDER VARYING RULES

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On September 1, 1987, Northern Minnesota Utilities (NMU or the Company) petitioned the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (the Commission) for a 30 day extension for the filing of the following reports due September 1, 1987 as required by Minn. Rules, parts 7825.2800 to 7825.2830: procurement policies report, automatic adjustment charges report, annual auditor's report, and annual five year projection.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

The Commission is empowered by Minn. Rules, part 7830.4400 to vary any of its rules when it appears to the Commission's satisfaction that: enforcement of the rule would impose an excessive burden upon the applicant or others affected by the rule; granting the variance would not adversely affect the public interest; and granting the variance would not conflict with standards imposed by law.

The Commission finds that enforcement of Minn. Rules, parts 7825.2800 to 7825.2830 would impose an excessive burden on the Company. The Company stated that it was unable to devote sufficient staff time to the annual fuel reports due to the necessity of developing a plan to pass on to its customers a refund from Northern Natural Gas Company, a Division of Enron Corp. and to the filing of a purchase gas adjustment.

~~The Commission also finds that~~ enforcement of the rule would not adversely affect the public interest, but would, in fact, serve the public interest by giving NMU the time it requires to file thorough and well prepared reports.

reports by October 1, 1987.

ORDER

1. Minn Rules, parts 7825.2800 to 7825.2830 are hereby varied to allow NMU to file the following reports with the Commission by October 1, 1987: procurement policies report, automatic adjustment charges report, annual auditor's report, and annual five year projection.
2. This Order shall become effective immediately.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Mary Ellen Hennen
Executive Secretary

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